

AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claims 1 and 8 amended, remaining claims unchanged; (2 pages)]

- 5 1. A bearing arrangement comprising a spherical bearing having a bearing housing and a ball located therein, the bearing housing having a rigid outer race and a rigid inner race and an annular elastomeric portion sandwiched between the races, wherein the outer race of the bearing housing is securely held in an interference fit hole and the arrangement has a torque between the ball and
10 housing within a predetermined range prior to being installed in the interference fit hole, the torque remaining within the predetermined range when held in the interference fit hole.
2. A bearing arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the spherical
15 bearing is a high torque bearing having an oscillatory torque in the range of 5 to 100Nm prior to insertion in the interference fit hole.
3. A bearing arrangement according to Claim 2, wherein the spherical bearing is a high torque bearing having an oscillatory torque in the range of 8 to
20 50 Nm prior to insertion in the interference fit hole.
4. A bearing arrangement according to any preceding claim, wherein the elastomeric portion is bonded to the inner and outer races.
- 25 5. A bearing arrangement according to any preceding claim, wherein a liner is provided on the inner race in contact with the ball.
6. A bearing arrangement according to Claim 5, wherein the liner is a self-lubricating liner.

7. A bearing arrangement according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the inner race and ball are both manufactured from metal and the inner race is in direct contact with the ball.

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8. A bearing arrangement substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as shown in figure 2.